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SUBJECT: VICTOR DICK, PRISONER OF THE PDRY

REF: (A) JIDDA 5557 (B) SANA 2799

1. WE HAVE IN A VERY GENERAL FASHION KEPT THE NATIONAL CASH REGISTER REPRESENTATIVE IN JIDDA (DONALD PENGILLEY--A BRITISH CITIZEN) INFORMED OF OUR EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF VICTOR DICK. WE HAVE REQUESTED THAT THIS INFORMATION BE PASSED TO NCR HEADQUARTERS BUT THAT GREAT DISCRETION BE USED IN HANDLING THE INFORMATION. WE HAVE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT MRS. DICK BE KEPT INFORMED THAT WE ARE CONTINUING OUR EFFORTS ON HER HUSBAND'S BEHALF.

2. PER SUGGESTION PARA 6 REF B, WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO DEPARTMENT'S BRIEFING NCR IN GREATER DETAIL BUT IT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED TO NCR THAT THE SAG REGARDS THE MATTER AS BEING OF THE GREATEST SENSITIVITY AND THAT IT MIGHT SUSPEND ITS EFFORTS ON DICK'S BEHALF IF IT APPEARED THAT ITS REPRESENTATIONS TO THE PDRY WERE BECOMING PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE, OR IF IT SEEMED TO SAG IT MERELY DUPLICATES YAR EFFORTS.

3. PER SUGGESTION REF B THAT NCR CONSIDER OFFERING EXPANDED SERVICES TO PDRY, WE THINK THERE IS TIME ENOUGH FOR THAT DECISION AFTER DICK HAS BEEN RELEASED. FOR ONE THING THE PDRY MIGHT TELL THE SAUDIS THAT THEY ARE "NEGOTIATING"

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DICK'S RELEASE WITH NCR AND THUS POSSIBLY GET THE SAUDIS

OFF THEIR BACKS. FOR ANOTHER, WE SEE NO INDICATION OF THE
PDRY'S SHOWING INCREASED RESPECT FOR THE STANDARDS OF LAW
AND JUSTICE EXPECTED OF CIVILIZED NATIONS. THE USG CER-
TAINLY IS IN NO BETTER POSITION NOW TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS
OF AMERICAN CITIZENS AND COMPANIES IN THE PDRY. ANY NCR
DECISION ON INCREASING ITS INVOLVEMENT THERE SHOULD, WE
BELIEVE, BE MADE WITHOUT ANY INFLUENCE ON THE PART OF THE USG.
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